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### A Simple Hero.

When, a half-century ago, the tide of westward immigration first poured into the Oregon country, a young couple, anxious to build a home of their own, selected a beautiful site overlooking the broad Willamette river. Here in the edge of the unexplored wilderness, they built the rude log cabin, cleared the small garden plot and set about to subdue the wild confusion of Nature. It was here our young hero was born and passed the early years of his childhood. By his father's side he hunted, fished or cultivated the little fields of corn and wheat and at his mother's knee he learned the first great truths of life. He grew strong and agile; no one could shoot a rifle more accurately or row a boat more dexterously than he. He could follow the deer for hours without fatigue and could swim the wide river as though it were but a small stream. Indians were frequently seen but with the exception of an occasional trader passing up and down the stream it was seldom any white person was seen. In this quiet forest home the young Westerner grew into manhood.

As a child he reveled in the wilds of Nature. Often had he spent hours roaming through the shady woods, gathering the wild flowers and listening to the happy music of the woodland songsters; or lying back on the rich mossy banks he had gazed dreamily upwards through the tree tops at the little patch of sky and the slow moving clouds until lulled to sleep by the murmuring of the creek at his feet; often had he wandered

thoughtfully along the bank of the river in the cool summer evening as the last tints of sunset were slowly fading, while the crickets chirped their monotonous chorus and the moon slowly climbed the Eastern sky.

But as he grew older he became restless. The scenes that had long been his delight lost their charm. He longed to explore the regions beyond his own little world; he chafed within the narrow limits that held him back. The books in his father's library had been eagerly read and the stories of the patriotism of the Revolutionary fathers fired him with ambition to be truly great. If he could only be a leader in some great movement, if he could only do something to make himself famous, he would be satisfied. It seemed that fortune was against him, that everything was holding him back. His parents noticed the change in his disposition and it was finally decided that he should attend a boarding school that had been recently established many miles down the river.

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His first day at school was a momentous one to him. He was among strangers and was painfully conscious of his poor clothing and awkward manners. The ridicule of the other students deeply embarrassed him but he struggled through the duties of the day with flushed face and suppressed feelings. That evening at dusk, thoroughly humiliated, he stole out to the river bank. It was a hot, stifling night, and a dark cloud in the West gave warning of a thunder shower. The notes of a rollicking school song came floating down the hillside; from the distance came the solemn echoes of a convent bell and in a bush by the river side a vesper sparrow caroled its evening song. But he was too much occupied with his own gloomy feelings to hear. The world

was not as he had pictured it. He felt lonesome and down deep in his heart he longed for the happy home of his childhood and the sympathising parents. While brooding over such thoughts he was aroused by a shout. A pleasure party in a small boat had struck a hidden snag in the river and upset. Others had heard the shout and rushed to their assistance but he was ahead of them all. In all the crowd that gathered there was none so cool and self-possessed, none so quick to see and so powerful to execute as he. With sturdy determination he struggled against the rushing waters and did not cease until the last person had been rescued. Then falling unconscious on the bank it was discovered for the first time that he was bleeding from a deep wound on the side of the head. When, several hours later he opened his eyes in consciousness, a silent group of schoolmates were standing about his bed. There was no ridicule now, but on every face was written a genuine, honest admiration.

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#### Class Oratorical Contests.

The first of the four class contests in oratory, that of the Freshmen, was held in the college chapel on Thursday evening, the 13th, before a good audience. Prof. Crumley presided and an interesting program was rendered, consisting of ten orations and music by Miss Buchanan and Prof. Scharfenburg. Miss Katherine Romig was given the decision of the judges with the oration, "The Goblin Army;" Haines Burgess, second.

The Sophomore contest was held on the following Saturday evening. Although the class was small the contest was close and interesting, Roy Mills being

awarded first place with the subject "The Triumph of Altruism."

The Juniors entered the oratorical arena on Tuesday evening, the 18th, decisions being given Miss Lena Spangle, Miss Alice Hayes and Harrold Vickrey for first, second and third places, respectively. The winning oration was on the subject "Singleness of Aim."

On the following Thursday evening the Seniors entertained with the final class contest. Music was furnished by the Senior quartette. Ralph W. Rees and Clarence M. Brown were given the first two places with the orations "Heroes of the Constitution" and "Development of the Railways." The first two in each of the Junior and Senior classes, together with the winner of the Freshman and Sophomore contests furnish the list of contestants for the local college contest to be held in February, when a representative will be chosen to represent Pacific College in the State Contest.

### A Sketch

She had evidently once been rather pretty and although now she appeared thin and worn from the effects of a hard struggle for existence, her eyes had lost none of their old-time brilliancy and her step was as light as that of a young girl. Now she had nothing left but her voice. But what a voice! Many times it had saved her from starvation but she had never been in so great poverty as at present. Formerly she had used her talents only in the private concert, but now she was forced to sing before a pitiless stage-manager, to whom such an occasion as this was but a daily routine. She had heard many reports concerning him; how he raved when displeased and sometimes hurled

the nearest objects at the victims of his wrath. It was with fear and trembling that she took her position. He was reading a newspaper and did not even seem to notice her. With an effort she regained her composure and began to sing. The first note was a wail which would have melted a heart of stone. With a muttered oath the man turned and hurled an old shoe at the unfortunate singer. There was a sickening thud and the poor old back-alley-cat dropped from the fence and limped away.

### Salem Y. M. C. A. Vs. Pacific College.

It is doubtful if any of the league games on any floor in the state will be as interesting as the first game played on the local floor December 14th. A tie at the end of the second half, it took eight minutes of the hardest kind of play to score the winning basket.

The home team took the lead at the beginning of the game and kept it throughout the first half, having things pretty much their own way. In the second half however, Salem took a decided brace and slowly but surely piled up point after point until about two minutes before time was up, they stood one point ahead. Too much eagerness on the part of one player however, caused him to commit a foul and at the end of the second half the score stood 20-20. Then for eight minutes the ball traveled back and forth from one end of the gym to the other, not even a foul being called to furnish time for an extra breath, till at last Salem dropped the sphere into the basket.

The association sent down a fine bunch of fellows and the best of feeling prevailed throughout the game.

### LINE UP:

P. C.  
Haworth Capt

F G

Y. M. C. A.  
Jones

Maris	F G	King-Basher
Hodson	C	Sianonton
Macy	G F	Allen Capt
Spaulding	G F	Hargrove

Referee: McCord, of M. A. A. C.; timekeeper, Brown;  
scorer, Hoskins.

### Willamette Vs. Pacific College.

December 21st Willamette University sent down a bunch of giants and simply "squashed" the local team. They were not only big but played good basket ball and certainly earned their victory. In the first half the college boys passed all round their husky opponents but were unable to establish a line of communication with the vacant interior of the basket. Toward the end of the half Hodson made a phenominal throw from somewhere in the distance and succeeded in scoring the first field goal, while Haworth turned two fouls into as many points and the score stood 6-4 in favor of Willamette, Pollard and Simpson scoring for the University.

The second half was a repetition of the performance on the 14th. The visitors dropped the ball into the basket too often to be funny, while the local players were able to add only three points to their list. Pollard and Whipple were the bright and shining stars for Willamette. Those of the home team were in the eclipse most of the time though the boys worked hard and showed a decided improvement over the game a week ago. Their "strongest weakness" was their inability to shoot baskets at the right time.

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P. C.		WILLAMETTE
Haworth Capt	F G	Parcel-Forbes
Hoskins-Kenworthy	F G	Nelson Capt
Hodson	C	Whipple
Spaulding	G F	Simpson
Macy	G F	Pollard

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It has been suggested, and not without reason we believe, that we have a cheerful chapel talk occasionally, as well as those of the opposite sort.

It is expected that the new year and the opening of the winter term will find all old students at their places; also several new ones who are expected and whose presence will be gladly welcomed.

Again we approach the oratorical season of the college year. Class contests are over and representatives selected for the local which occurs in February. This together with debate work and basket ball, furnishes features for an interesting and enjoyable term's work.



Despite the fact that the basket ball team has been playing in hard luck since the opening of the season, the support of students and townspeople has been very encouraging. We feel confident that so long as the team shall continue to improve and show the fighting spirit this support will continue and contribute not only financially, but will help toward winning games in the future.

Observance to training rules is necessary to the success of any athletic team. Students and town supporters of the basket ball team have a right to expect the best the team can give, which is possible only by strict conformance to the rules and regulations of training. The players know what these rules are and know too that their observance will be not only to their individual benefit but for the good of the team. Take a brace fellows, and give us the best you've got.

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#### Alumni Notes.

Miss Ella Macy, '95, who has been teaching at Middleton, was called home to Indiana recently by the illness of a brother, and will probably remain through the winter.

H. F. Ong, '96, was recently married to a Miss Ford in Portland where he is practicing medicine.

O. L. Price, '97, has a new position of trust and responsibility as special agent for Leadbetter & Pittock in Portland. His old position with the attorneys, Cake & Cake, has been taken by his brother D. P. Price, '97.

O. L. Cox, '98, general secretary of the Salt Lake

Y. M. C. A., made a hurried visit here with his mother during the holidays.

H. M. Hoskins, '99, is a candidate for the post-mastership at McMinnville, and if successful, will make an excellent official.

Miss Edna B. Newlin, '99, has a good position in Southern California in the Pasadena National Bank of which her brother-in-law is president.

M. O. Pickett, '00, is meeting with encouraging success in the practice of law at Waitsburg, Washington, of which town he is city recorder.

G. E. Metcalf, '00, of Eugene, who holds down a good job as traveling salesman for Ennis-Brown Co., of Sacramento, accompanied by his family, visited Newberg relatives during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Newby, '02, and '03, respectively, have located in Newberg where he has a position as bookkeeper for the Spaulding Logging Co.

D. D. Coulson, '03, has accepted a promising position in the First National Bank of Berkeley, California, in which institution Miss May Lamb, '99, is also engaged.

Calvin Blair, '04, is engaged in mining in Eastern Washington, in connection with his cousin O. J. Hobson, '97.

Lillian Nicholson, '96, is teaching at Moscow, Idaho.

Alverda Crozer, '06, who is teaching at Rosedale, and J. R. Pemberton, '06, who is attending medical college at Salem, visited in Newberg during the holidays.

W. R. Miles, '06, who is taking work at Earlham College, had the honor of winning the Earlham oratorical contest last month, getting five firsts and one second, and will thus represent his school in the Indiana

state contest. Mr. Miles is reflecting honor on his alma mater and his friends have confidence in his further success.

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### Locals.

Happy New Year!

Jessie Gardner and Lily Hagmann are among our new students who have entered this term.

The Girls' Club met at Mrs. Douglas' Friday evening December 7th. The regular meeting was held, after which delicious refreshments were served and a very pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

Prof. Carrick led chapel December 6th. He gave several readings from Scotch poets and rendered two very beautiful Scotch songs. Mrs. Woodward and Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Welch and Mrs. McGreer were the visitors that morning.

We are sorry to say two members of the Freshmen class, Lelia Littlefield and Helena Ferguson have dropped out of school.

It seems as if appendicitis is getting to be a fad among the students of Pacific College.

The name of the girls club has been decided on, being Heli Anthus. Some have mistaken it to be Heliothenian.

A. K. Wilson attended the basket ball convention in Portland December 8th.

Ernest Hadlock spent his vacation at his home in Seattle.

Perry Macy and Riley Kauffman gave an exceedingly interesting report on Wednesday morning, De-

cember 12th, of the Y. M. C. A. conference which they attended as delegates.

Beulah S., looking out of the window at some one approaching the gymnasium—"Who is that?" Katherine R.,—"Looks like a Senior." B. S.,—"No, its a man."

Paul Maris who had an operation for appendicitis December 16, is again in school.

On Wednesday and Thursday evenings January 9th and 10th, will occur the tryouts for the debate team. The debate will be held under the auspices of the Agoreton Club and it is expected that at least a dozen fellows will participate.

Prof. C., reading evening paper—"I see where a fellow was shot three times in the head and it didn't kill him." Mrs. C., surprised—"He must have been a tough."

Floyd Patty and Miss Carrie Turner, '04, of McMinnville, attended the basket ball game December 14.

At a meeting of the patrons and friends of the college held in the chapel Tuesday evening, January 2, plans were laid for the raising of an endowment. All arrangements are not yet completed but it is probable that Pres. McGrew will go east in the near future in the interests of the cause.

An amusing and exciting game of basket ball took place in the gym during the holidays when the alumni team was overwhelmed by the faculty five, score 14-5. The alumni team was composed of Kirk, Metcalf, Nelson, Saunders and St. John, while the fast faculty team was made up of Jones, Wilson, McGrew, Hadley and V. Hadley who took Crumly's position as guard.

Beulah Pressnall was called to her home in Salem

on January 2nd by the sudden death of her brother.

Mr. and Mrs. York spent their Christmas vacation in Everett, Washington.

A certain member of the Junior Greek is getting particular where he sits in class. For information ask Mr. Hadlock.

Pacific College has received from a Friend Joshua I. Bailey in Philadelphia a beautiful flag of national bunting, size 10x20 feet.

The Senior class after their oratorical contest, gathered at the home of Clement Niswonger, where a pleasant evening was spent. Splendid refreshments were served.

Merlin Rice, a former student of P. C., was down from Salem visiting with friends during the holidays.

Shurl Pearson, ex-'07, now a medical student of Portland, visited college friends the 14th.

#### **Exchanges.**

We are glad to note an improvement in the last issue of most of our exchanges. This is largely due to the fact that as the school year advances the staff becomes better organized and is thus able to edit a better arranged paper as well as to secure better material.

The December issue of The Cardinal appears in a new and attractive cover.

The University Life for December contains a very readable story entitled "How Jack Won Out."

The Wyoming Student, though a rather small publication for a state university paper, makes up in quality what it lacks in quantity.

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